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SUBJECT: BILATEAL ENERGY TALKS: SCHLESINGER-HERNANDEZ TALKS

REF: CARACAS 1852

1. IN THE COURSE OF REVIEWING THE SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR THIS MARCH 6 MEETING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER (REFTEL), MINISTER HERNANDEZ ASKED THE AMBASSADOR IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO TALK PRIVATELY WITH THE SECRETARY FOR ABOUT 10 TO 15 MINUTES, POSSIBLY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 3:00 PM MEETING. HERNANDEZ EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD A FEW ITEMS HE WISHED TO DISCUSS WHICH HE PREFERRED NOT TO RAISE IN THE LARGER GROUP. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WOULD PREFER THAT THE SUGGESTION OF THIS PRIVATE CONVERSATION APPEAR TO ORIGINATE WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. COMMENT: WHILE HERNANDEZ DID NOT INDICATE WHAT IT WAS HE WISHED TO DISCUSS, WE BELIEVE A SHORT PRIVATE EXCHANGE WOULD BE USEFUL TO US AS IT WOULD GIVE THE SECRETARY AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR HERNANDEZ' PRIVATE ASSESSMENT OF VARIOUS MULTILATERAL ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE QUESTION OF OPEC PRICING OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT HERNANDEZ' REQUEST BE TAKEN UP. WHILE THE MINISTER UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH WELL AND SPEAKS
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IT MODERATELY WELL, HE WOULD PROBABLY ASK ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION TO JOIN HIM IN SUCH A PRIVATE MEETING TO ACT AS INTERPRETER.
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